

SC Arts Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2003
1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

Members present	Pat VanHuss, Virginia Self, Carolyn Govan, Carrie Brown, Linda Stern, Noble Cooper, David Stinson
Members absent	Connie Williams
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox, Scott Ludlam
Call to order	Chairman VanHuss called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
Minutes	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the minutes of the May 22-23 meeting. Ms. Govan seconded. The motion was approved.
Chairman's Report	<p>Mr. VanHuss thanked the board for its hard work and support during his chairmanship. He encouraged board members to continue to be active and visible among constituents across the state. He also encouraged them to become more familiar with the work of the Southern Arts Federation, and to support the National Association of State Arts Agencies.</p> <p>Mr. Van Huss announced that Pam Harpootlian had resigned from the board, which was effective June 1. He noted that the board will need to appoint a new representative to the Cultural Visions Council.</p>
Commissioner's Reports	Ms. Stern reported on the SC Arts Foundation's Verner Luncheon and Art Sale fundraiser in May.
Executive Director's Report	<p>Ms. Surkamer shared a complimentary letter from a fellowship recipient. She then introduced Scott Ludlum, the agency's new Director of Finance. He joined the staff in late May.</p> <p>Ms. Surkamer noted that the agency's FY:04 budget passed the Senate with a 10.52% cut – the same cut passed by the House of Representatives – and that both houses had approved 100% spending flexibility for schools, which could impact approximately \$1.1 million in Arts Education grants administered by the Department of Education.</p>

Also:

- Young Audiences has selected Charleston as one of 15 cities to take part in an Arts Education project funded by Honda of America. The project includes funds to be spent locally on an extended artist residency.
- In conjunction with the NASAA conference, Virginia Self will host a dinner for the NASAA and SCAC boards in Charleston on December 3. Planners are also trying to connect with a distributor who could provide beverages at cost for the conference's opening reception and closing party.
- Ms. Surkamer met with Paul Krohne, Executive Director of the SC School Boards Association to discuss ways the two organizations may work together. Ken May, Charlie Boswell and Christine Fisher also attended. Mr. Krohne has been invited to serve on the ABC Steering Committee and the SC Arts Alliance board.
- Ms. Surkamer has been working with the SCAC's partner organizations to select a new coordinator for the SC Literary Arts Partnership.
- She recently attended a meeting of Arts Presenters in Mexico City.
- The Cultural Visions Council has recently approved a funding request for architectural fees for an arts center in Greenwood.

Item Concerning the
World of Ballet

Ms. Self expressed concern about health and weight issues which appear to be common among some dancers. She wondered if there was anything the SCAC could do to impact the issue.

Discussion followed. Mr. Stinson suggested the commission make information available for dancers – and other artists – regarding health issues associated with the practice of certain art forms.

Grant Awards

Clay Burnette joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to review recommendations for FY:04 Operating Support grants.

Motion

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the recommendations. Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.

Subgranting Request

Mr. May explained a request by the Marion County Arts Council to restore its subgranting funds.

Motion	Ms. Self moved to deny the request by the Marion County Arts Council. Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.
Presentations by Partner Organizations	<p>Community Builders – Bill Steiner updated the board on the work of Community Builders and the Cultural Visions program.</p> <p>SC Dept. of Education – Deb Hoffman made a presentation about arts education activities taking place at the Dept. of Education.</p> <p>Design Arts Partnership – Irene Tyson updated the board on recent activities by the Design Arts Partnership.</p>
Staff Presentation	Tom Bryan spoke to the board about his regional work and his work with the Education Artists Roster.
Folklife and Trad. Arts Recommendations	Mr. Burnette presented recommendations for FY:04 Folklife & Traditional Arts grants.
Motion	Ms. Govan moved to approve the recommendations. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion was approved.
AIE Recommendations	<p>Mr. May outlined a series of proposed changes for the AIE grant program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make permanent the elimination of the Strategic Projects grant category. • <u>Not</u> make permanent the 1:1 match requirement for Residency Plus grants. • No longer accept applications from gifted and talented programs that do not operate year ‘round. • Modify the guidelines in the District Arts Coordinator category to allow a previously existing position, but not within the last three years. Remove the requirement for continuing the position for one year.
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to accept the recommendations. Ms. Stern seconded, and the motion was approved.
Executive Director’s Performance Evaluation	The board reviewed the documents which were prepared based on their input at the May meeting.
Motion	Ms. Govan moved to approve the performance evaluation document as presented. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion was approved.

FY:04 Budget
Update

Ms. Surkamer reported that there were no significant changes to discuss.

FY:05 Budget
Request

Ms. Surkamer reported that the Governor would be holding budget hearings for agencies over the summer. The SCAC would continue efforts to make progress toward a goal of \$1 per capita in grants funding. The immediate goal is to maintain flat funding for FY:05.

Election of Officers

Connie Williams joined the meeting via speaker phone at 1:23 p.m. Mr. VanHuss, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the slate of nominees:

Chairman	Linda Stern
Vice Chairman	Noble Cooper
Exec. Committee	Carolyn Govan

Motion

Ms. Self moved to approve the slate. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion was approved.

Adjourn

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.